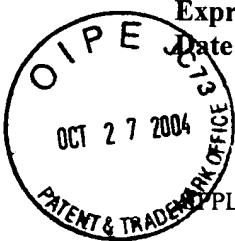


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed April 28, 2004 in the above identified application. With the extension, this response is due on or before October 28, 2004. A check (#19519) in the amount of \$490.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

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